

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/768,466

Examiner

Ting Zhou

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 13 March 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,6-10,13-17 and 20-35.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed on 13 March 2006 have been received and entered. Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-17 and 20-35 as amended are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-17 and 20-35 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention teaches the creation of an operation screen. Each of independent claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 27 and 32 identifies the distinct feature of conducting the automatic positioning setting process when the paste-up information is moved to the amount of a predetermined ratio in a predetermined position on the operation screen in which the paste-up information is to be pasted. The closest prior art, Cannon et al. (U.S. Patent 5,748,484) and Microsoft® Word 2000 (Screenshots 1-8) teach an automatic positioning setting process that is capable of editing the position and size of the information pasting region. In the case of the Cannon et al. reference, Cannon et al. teach an automatic positioning setting process for coinciding a barycenter of paste-up information with a predetermined point on the operation screen (automatically positioning the signature or picture in a specified position relative to the rest of the card) (Cannon et al.: column 12, lines 32-40). In the case of the Microsoft Word reference, Microsoft Word teaches editing a position and size of the information pasting region (the pictures toolbar allows users to edit information such as the size, via the crop tool, of the information pasting region, i.e. the pasted image) (Microsoft Word:

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Screenshot 3). However, the prior art of record fails to explicitly teach the automatic positioning setting process is conducted when the paste-up information is moved to the amount of a predetermined ratio in a predetermined position on the operation screen in which the paste-up information is to be pasted, and thus fails to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ting Zhou whose telephone number is (571) 272-4058. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached at (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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